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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON PUBLICATION OF BOOKS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindi, English, Urdu and other Indian languages books published by thePublication Division during each ofthe last three years;

(b) the title-wise details of the said books;

(c) the language-wise expenditure incurred on these books;

(d) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to promote the publication of books in Indian languages;

(e) whether the Government have reviewed the working of the Publication Division during the last three years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): A statement each showing the number of books published in Hindi, English, Urdu andother Indian languages by the Directorate of Publications Division (DPD) and their title-wisedetails during each of the last three years i.e. 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 (up to February `03) is given in Annexure I and Annexure II respectively.

(c): Details of expenditure incurred on the publication of books, language-wise, in the last three years i.e. 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 (up to February `03) are given in Annexure III.

(d): With a view to further promote publication of books in Indian languages, DPDenvisages to translate biographies already published under the `Builders of Modern India` series in English toHindi and vice-versa and also in the regional language of the area where the personality hailed from; translate the books originally published under the series `Cultural Leaders of India` in other languages. In addition to above, DPD has also undertaken the work of bringing out books underthe title `Great Classics of Indian Languages`.

(e) & (f): The working of DPD is reviewed from time to time in order to introduce new conceptsand subjects on which books, journals and CDs. are to be published in Hindi, English and other Indian languages.